

Guns Are Instruments of Death and Have No Place Among Child's Toys

Adult Who Lets Youngster Handle Lethal Weapons May Precipitate Tragedy

Remorse and Sorrow Will Not Erase Scars or Revive Dead; Grownups' Responsibility

By ANGELO PATRI.

A year ago this month one of the finest boys imaginable stood on the shores of his summer home, a lovely, quiet spot on the banks of a New England river. He was about to enjoy a swim but stood a moment to watch the spots of dancing sunlight that filtered down through the great elm to the golden-brown water.

He felt a sudden, sharp pain in his stomach and clapped his hand on it just as the sound of a shot reached his ears. He looked down at his hand and saw it was covered with blood. He could not understand. Then a rowboat hove in sight manned by a boy at the oars and another seated in the stern, a little gun across his knees. They saw the wounded boy standing in the sunlight, blood pouring from his stomach, and instantly made for him. Fast as they could help they got it and the hospital took charge of the boy.

We'll skip the awful weeks that followed when a father and mother hung over the bed of their son, watching him go by inches, in pain day by day for long, long, anxious weeks. The little town watched with them, prayed with them, hoped with them, but death claimed its own and we bowed in sorrow to the angel with the shining sword. Neighbors, family and friends were in tears at a loss no power on earth could mend.

Why did the boy shoot into the woods? Why didn't he wait to round the bend? Why didn't he know better than to shoot blindly like that? What's the use? The only "why" that counts at all is why he had a gun. Guns are made to shoot with and the boy had been given this gun for a birthday gift by his father, who loved him as that other father loved his son.

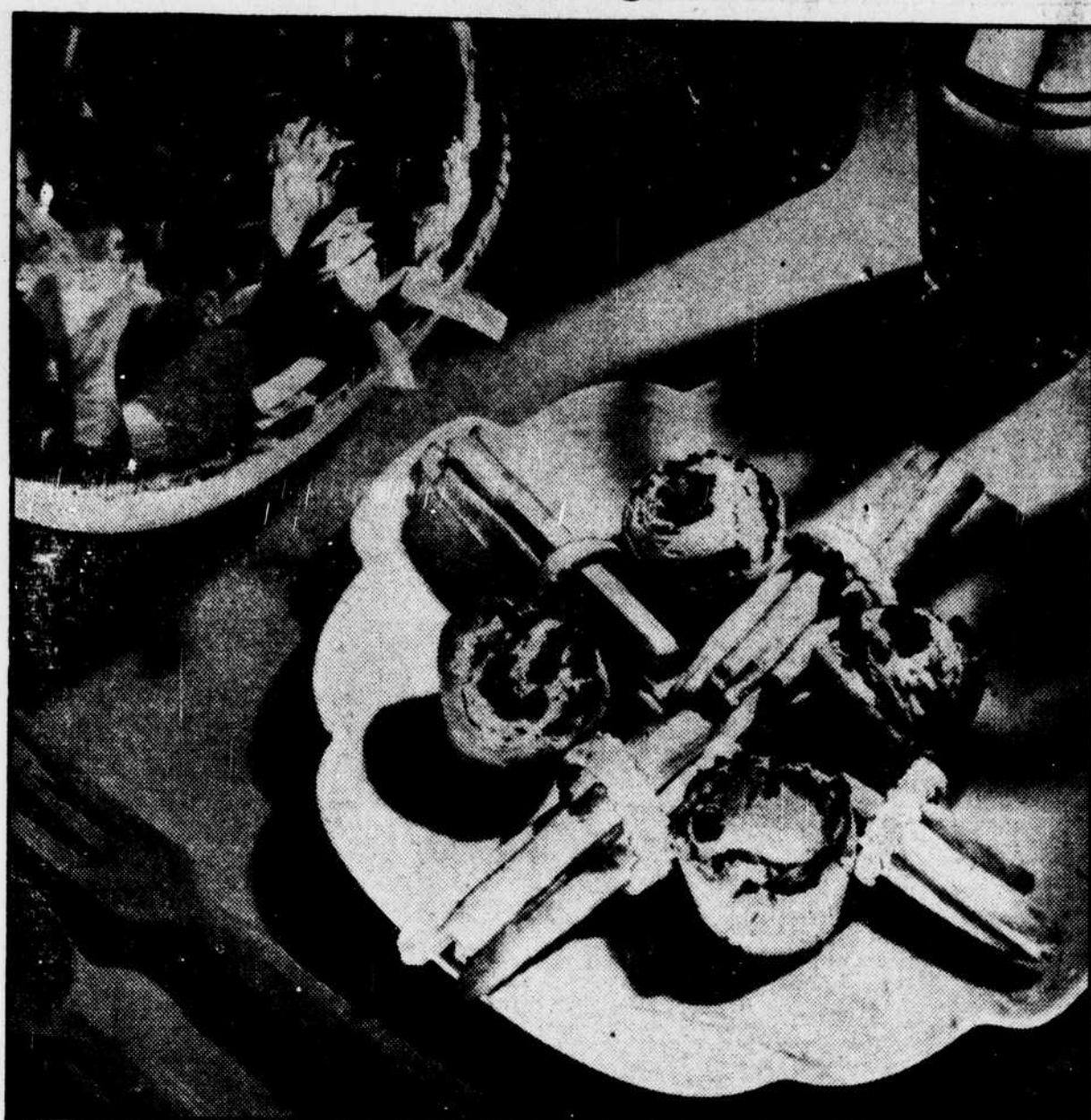
I believe that all boys and some girls should be taught to use guns. In my experience the time to do that teaching is when they are old enough to appreciate it, to under-

stand that a life destroyed is beyond restoration. Guns are instruments of death and children have no use for such an instrument. There is no fun in that kind of a game.

Sport? Grown men and women who enjoy killing birds and animals are their own masters. Every one to his choice. Children are not responsible sportsmen. They are children and without judgment or reason in the use of an instrument of death, because they know nothing of death. The word has no meaning for them as it has for grown people. Experience has woven tragedy in its sound for us, but not for the children.

Guns, BB's, rifles, pistols, however small, are murderous weapons, especially in the country where people do not expect their appearance. They are not toys. They should have no relation to child's play. The steady man or woman who sells, gives, allows a gun to a child is responsible for what that child does with that gun. But sorrow does not bring resurrection.

Here's Something New...



Devised biscuits, in which ground meat is used to give a filling and appetizing touch, are new, and especially delicious with the cool, crisp salads so popular in the summertime. Flaky cheese straws are another favorite, and are as easy to make as they are to eat!

—Korth Photo.

"Just Looking, Thanks"

By FRANCESCA MCKENNEY.

OUR SCOUTS SUGGEST—

That if you want to put up pickled beets for the winter months, you can save yourself a lot of trouble by purchasing the beets that have already been cooked in salt and water. All you have to do is heat them for the pickling process.

Novelty brushes for your little girl's room are made with painted wooden tops. Some depict an old mammy with a bandana around her head, or there's a circus elephant poised on a ball. Most charming for the tot's room is the one with Humpty Dumpty sitting on the wall.

When traveling in the summertime always take white shoe polish along, for nothing looks worse than dirty white shoes. Carrying the cleaner is a very simple matter nowadays as you can get glass jars filled with about 50 treated pads. If you prefer, choose the stick form that you rub on the shoes and then use a wet cloth to spread evenly. These do away with any possibility of finding clothes ruined by liquid polish from a broken bottle upon arrival at your destination.

Keep a transparent rain cape with hood neatly folded in its tiny bag in your car or office desk so as to be prepared when that sudden storm comes up.

Pincushions need not be unsightly things in your room, for you can get adorable calico animals or gaily colored dolls to serve the purpose. Give the history-loving boy's party a touch of the unusual with the drum cake to accompany the ice cream. The drum cake is iced in red and white and on top are three marching figures representing the "Spirit of '76."

Keeping your hair in soft curls is an easy matter today with the new curler that is on the market. This device looks like a curling iron with an inside spring to hold a bobby pin. Roll up the hair, release the spring and presto!—the bobby pin is holding your curl in place. It takes a bit of practice to get it down "pat" so that you never miss your target with the pin.

Deodorize your closet and give it a sweet scent by hanging a small white plaster vase in the corner and pouring a little cedar oil, lavender or bouquet scent into it.

We know where you can buy delicious jelly and there's grated carrot in gelatin, too, to serve on crisp lettuce leaves with cheese. These will keep you out of the hot kitchen on the torrid days.

An idea gift for the pipe smoker is a "blending kit." This consists of a large round box containing nine small boxes. Each holds a different tobacco, so that he may blend his own to taste.

MRS. T. L.

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good weather. Door knobs they can reach, stairs with wide treads and short risers will give you more peace of mind. Windows that are not low enough to make tumbling a hazard, and screwed-in screens will cause less worry. Wide doorways help in the maneuvering of high chairs, wheeled toys and baby pens, just as painted walls save many a sorry moment. Make the whole arrangement and interior of your house as "scooping-proof" as possible, and within five years when your house has settled and needs doing over, the children will be old enough so that you may indulge in the pretty wall papers and other delicate touches that are lost on them now.

Linoleum floors in the playroom are ideal from the cleaning, warmth and bump-proof angles, and beyond that, simplicity of line and sturdy materials are the order of furnishing. In modern styles lighter finishes are used. These rich honey tones are the successors to the washed-out blends of several years ago and are a beautiful and permanent contribution to fine wood finishing. These lighter finishes are also being applied to traditional styles of mahogany. Individual pieces so finished are often placed in rooms of darker mahogany as pleasing accents.

Very Becoming Yoke Model For Thrifty Housewives



By BARBARA BELL.

This is the satisfying type of home dress that you can wear in the afternoon as well as in the morning, when you're busy and don't want to do any fussing until dinner time. You'll never mind finding unexpected guests at the door, when you answer the bell, if you have on a dress as becoming and crisp as this one. Yet 1909-B is just as comfortable and unobtrusive as you could wish, with a slim waistline drawn in by a sash bow in the back.

The button-trimmed, braided-edge yoke makes the dress unusually youthful and attractive. It's becoming to everybody alike, whether size 20 or 40. Gingham, percale, calico and chambray are practical cottons for this dress, and later on you'll enjoy a fall version in spun rayon. Barbara Bell Pattern No. 1909-B is designed for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 40. Corresponding bust measurements 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40. Size 14 (32) requires 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material without nap; 1 1/2 yards braid.

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My Neighbor Says

To cook mushrooms for creaming or scalloping, remove thin peeling, cover with water and boil gently in covered pan five minutes.

Before boiling a cracked egg rub the shell with lemon juice. The egg albumen is quickly coagulated by the acid.

To remove a fresh grease spot from a rug, cover the spot with blotting paper, then press with a hot flatiron. Cover the spot with magnesia, let it remain for 24 hours then brush off.

Serve iced tea this way

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Dorothy Dix Says...

Common-Sense Point of View Is Needed in Money Matters

The money question is just as controversial in the home as it is in politics, and balancing the budget brings on as many domestic fights as it does in Congress. This is the case, no matter whether the husband or the wife is the pocket book. The party of the other part always thinks that he or she has a right to supervise the expenditures of the other, and asks: "What did you do with your pay envelope last week?" And we beside the unlucky man who has bought a fishing rod with the money his wife designed to spend on a facial and a new wave, or the foolish woman who has blown in \$15 on a new hat, and that her husband thinks should have been better invested in cigarettes and golf balls. That the one who earns the money has a prior claim to it seems to be a proposition

Manners Of the Moment

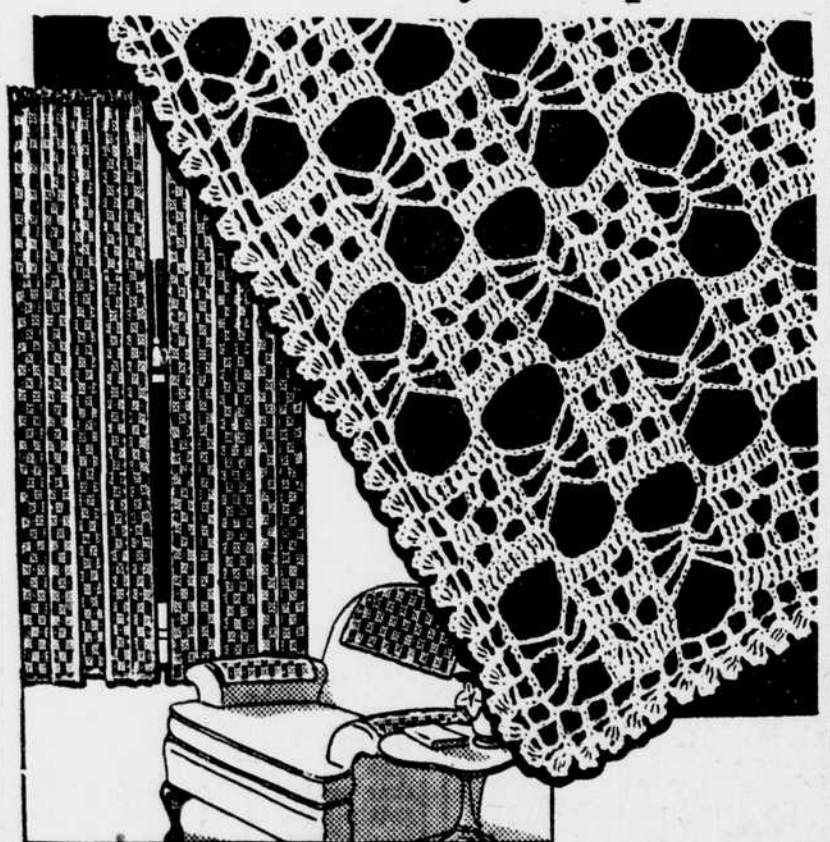
There's always the problem of when to rise when you are visiting your friends in the country over the week end, or anywhere for that matter. If the hostess says the night before, "Now we have to be up and at our breakfast by 8 if we're going to get to the tennis tournament in time," all is well. You may be awfully annoyed at the idea of rising at 8 on your first morning. But at least she's specific.

But if she says, "Sleep as late as you like" (which she will do if she's any kind of a hostess) you may have a problem on your hands. You may wake up at 9, raring to go. And the house will be as silent as a haunted barn. You'll have a fear lest your footstep wake the hostess and make her feel that she should get up to cook you an egg. So you get up and sit on the corner of your bed in your tweeds for two hours looking at your watch and listening for the sound of a footstep in the hall.

It's very silly. What you should do, when your nice hostess tells you to get your sleep out, is to announce that you appreciate that, but if you should wake up you hope she won't worry, and that you'll be perfectly content taking a walk or smelling the flowers in the garden.

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Try Tangy Deviled Biscuits

Cheese Straws Are Also Tasty With Summer Salads

By BETSY CASWELL.

Woman's Editor.

A salad bowl of crisp lettuce and frosty cool watercress, garnished with tomato wedges and green pepper rings, is a popular "center attraction" on hot summer days. When served with nippy cheese straws and deviled biscuits this kind of salad makes a satisfying meal. Iced coffee and tea are welcome during the warm weather and so are fresh fruit sherberts, which pleasantly climax summer menus.

Besides tasting good with summer salads, cheese straws and deviled biscuits have filling qualities in their favor. Both are made with a minimum of effort and ingredients. The cheese straws may be made the day before they are served and stored in covered containers. The deviled biscuits are best when served hot. Since hot foods are necessary in balanced menus, even in midsummer, serving these tasty biscuits helps to solve the hot-dish problem.

I am not going to discontinue helping my parents as long as they need it, but this continual arguing over money is undermining the very foundation of our marriage.

And it is. Nothing could more completely shatter a wife's love and respect for her husband than to find out that he regarded her merely as a peon whose wages belong to him, and that she has no right to the money she earned.

Equally disillusioning is it to discover that she has married a man so greedy that he begrudges the few dollars she gives to her poor old father and mother to keep them from starving.

Of course, women often take the same attitude toward what their husbands do for their parents, and in both cases the reaction of the men and women who have to help their families by stealth is the same.

Pail of Oil Soap Cleans And Protects Floors In the Beach House

Well-Planned Playroom Saves Many Inconveniences When There Are Tiny Children

By MARGARET NOWELL.

DEAR MISS NOWELL: I have Congoleum rugs on the floors of my beach house so that they may be easily cleaned. I have kept them waxed, but they seem to get very sticky. Is there any other method of cleaning that would be better than wax and still make the scrubbing less and far between?

Answer—The combination of sand, salt and wax is a most unpleasant one. I think you will find a pail of oil soap much handier and less work. The base of this is linseed oil. The soap in the top of the pail has a depression about the size of your flat. Turn a cup of water into this and after it has dissolved a cupful of the soap, turn it into a pail of warm water. This will make a solution that will clean your linoleum quickly and thoroughly and coat it with a smooth surface, yet the oil will feed the surface well enough to protect it. Fill the cavity in your soap pail with water before you put it away and it will be dissolved for your next time. This comes in pints, quarts and up to 5 gallons in a container. It is also excellent for wood floors.

DEAR MISS NOWELL: I have a collection of glass bottles and paperweights which are very decorative as well as valuable and interesting. I am making up a catalogue of the history of each piece and wish to number them in some way so that the numbers will not wash off. I wash the whole collection about three times a year and find that adhesive tape or stickers are always lost on several pieces. Also, the white spot is noticeable on the glass shelves and I would prefer a method that is not too apparent.

Answer—I would suggest that you mark the numbers in indelible marking ink on the least conspicuous portion of the article and when it is dry, paint over it with a small area of colorless lacquer. This will protect the ink from moisture and will not come off unless you use the special solvent which will remove it readily.

DEAR MISS NOWELL: I have just returned from vacation and find that the bed pillows which were in the closed-up house smell very musty and unpleasant. Is there anything that I can do to correct this odor?

Answer: You might open them up and spray them with a deodorizing spray and then hang them out in the sun a day. However, the best thing is to have them professionally steam cleaned, a sure cure for the malady, and they will be as good as new again.

DEAR MISS NOWELL: We have two small children and are expecting a third. We are moving into a new house on September 1, and as it will be our home for a good many years, I do not want to make mistakes in its planning. I will have a small room on the first floor and one on the second, either of which might be made into a playroom. Which do you think would be best, and can you give me any other pointers about arrangement? We are now at the skeleton stage where doors and windows may be opened, closed or made larger. Also any suggestions about wall finishes.

Answer: That is a pretty big order, and I hope when you planned the arrangement of the house you considered little children as well as the fact that they do grow up. I would have the playroom on the first floor with, if possible, a lavatory attached, and either the back door close at hand or a door from the playroom leading outside. The number of steps it takes to get three children in and out of doors with the dolls and the "teddies" they forget, not to mention the wheeled toys, is enormous. Also, bumped knees and dirty faces and hands might be taken care of on the first floor. Children are likely to play wherever you are, as every mother knows, and they are going to be constantly in and out of doors in

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